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Table 1 Current Management Highway 4 corridor

Management Actions	Acres/miles	Comments
Acres open to off-trail OSV use	152,640	No order currently in place to prohibit snowmobile travel in Near Natural, Experimental Forest, Proposed Wilderness, Research Natural Areas, and proposed Wild portions of Wild and Scenic Rivers. **Includes acres below 5000' where little to no snowmobiling occurs
Acres Closed(RNA, NN, Wilderness, Wild river segments)	94,427	No order currently in place to prohibit snowmobile travel in Near Natural, Experimental Forest, Proposed Wilderness, Research Natural Areas, and proposed Wild portions of Wild and Scenic Rivers.
Miles of groomed trails	33.6 miles	
Miles of ungroomed trails	1	
Snow depth travel	Travel allowed where not prohibited (wilderness) 12 inches or more when not touching vegetation or soil or road surface	
Snow depth grooming	18 inches to begin grooming	Contractual requirement
Non Jurisdiction routes	Grooming Highland Lakes Road	Will need to obtain some type of agreement with Alpine County to groom
Below 5,000'	Travel allowed where not prohibited (wilderness) 12 inches or more when not touching vegetation or soil or road surface	

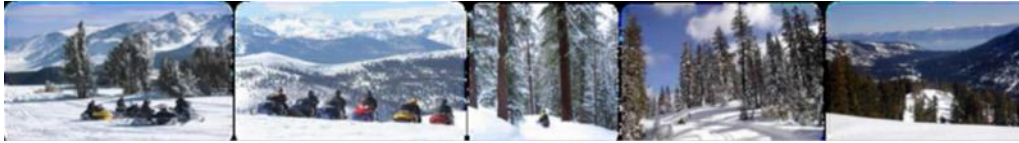


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Table 2 Proposed Action Highway 4 corridor

Potential Actions	Acres/miles	Action Category
Designate Areas(acres) open to off-trail OSV use	61,159	Designation of Areas above 5,000'. Difference in acres between current management and proposal is no area designation below 5,000'
Acres Closed(RNA, NN, Wilderness, Wild river segments, Experimental Forest)	94,427	Prohibition
Miles of designated trails managed by grooming	32	Designation of trails with the management of grooming
Miles of designated ungroomed trails	1	Designation of trails with the management of signing, patrolling but not grooming
Snow depth travel	24 inches on Stanislaus Meadow access route Travel allowed where not prohibited (wilderness) on 12 inches or more when not touching vegetation or soil or road surface	Restriction
Snow depth grooming	18 inches to start grooming	Contractual requirement of the Stanislaus NF
Season of use	Snowmobiling ceases when Highway 4 opening activities begin.	Restriction
Construct one snow trail bridge		
Designation below 5,000 feet	Snowmobiling allowed with 12 inches or more of snow and not touching vegetation, soil, or road bed on designated snow trails only. 39.6 miles. Snowmobile travel allowed between Dec. 15 and April 14; (See map)	Designation from roads and trails to snow trails with snow depth restrictions
Non Jurisdiction routes	5	Obtain agreement with Alpine Co. to groom Highland Lakes road



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Table 3 Current Management Highway 108 corridor (Summit, MiWok, Groveland)

Management Actions	Acres/miles	Comments
Acres open to off-trail OSV use	387,245	Includes acres below 5,000' where little to no snowmobiling occurs
Acres Closed(RNA, NN, Wilderness, Wild river segments)	276,962	No order currently in place to prohibit snowmobile travel in Near Natural, Experimental Forest, Proposed Wilderness, Research Natural Areas, and proposed Wild portions of Wild and Scenic Rivers.
Miles of groomed trails	25.5 miles	
Miles of ungroomed trails	10.0	
Below 5,000 feet	Snowmobile travel allowed where not prohibited (wilderness) 12 inches or more when not touching vegetation or soil or road surface on all three districts	
Snow depth travel	Snowmobile travel allowed where not prohibited (wilderness) 12 inches or more when not touching vegetation or soil or road surface on all three districts	
Snow depth grooming	18 inches to start grooming	



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Table 4 Proposed Action Highway 108 corridor (Summit, MiWok, Groveland)

Potential Actions	Acres/miles	Action Category
Designate Areas(acres) open to off-trail OSV use	30,725 (Mi-Wok) 6,453	Designation of area
Acres Closed(RNA, NN, Wilderness, Wild river segments)	(Summit) 206,621 (Mi-Wok) 24,932 (Groveland) 45,409	Prohibition
Miles of designated trails	25.5	Designated snow trail with the management of grooming
Miles of designated ungroomed snow trails	22.2 (Mi-Wok) 26.8 (Groveland) 44.4	Designation of snow trails with management of signing, patrolling but no grooming
Snow depth travel	Travel allowed where not prohibited with 12 inches or more of snow when not touching vegetation or soil or road surface	Restriction
Snow depth grooming	18 inches to start grooming	Contractual requirement by Stanislaus NF
Construct two trail bridges		
Designation below 5,000 feet	No travel except where designated: see map	Prohibition
Season of use	Snowmobiling ceases when Highway 108 opening activities begin.	Restriction
Non Jurisdiction routes	9.2	Clarks Fork Road- Tuolumne County road: used by snowmobilers. Not part of FS jurisdiction



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Table 5 Current Management Highway Forestwide Summary

Area	Acres/miles	Comments
Acres open to off-trail OSV use	539,885	Includes acres below 5000' where little to no snowmobiling occurs
Acres Closed(RNA, NN, Wilderness, Wild river segments)	321,071	No order currently in place to prohibit snowmobile travel in Near Natural, Experimental Forest, Proposed Wilderness, Research Natural Areas, and proposed Wild portions of Wild and Scenic Rivers.
Miles of groomed trails	59	
Miles of ungroomed trails	1	
Below 5,000 feet	360,191	Snow depth usually not conducive to snowmobile activities
Snow depth travel	Travel allowed where not prohibited (wilderness) 12 inches or more when not touching vegetation or soil or road surface.	
Snow depth grooming	18 inches	Contractual requirement by Stanislaus NF



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Table 6 Proposed Action Forestwide Summary

Management Actions	Acres/miles	Action
Designate Areas(acres) open to off-trail OSV use	98,337	Designation above 5,000'
Acres Closed(RNA, NN, Wilderness, Wild river segments)	371,389	Restriction forest-wide
Miles of designated trails managed by grooming	57.5	Designation: loss of miles from non-jurisdictional issues and addition of miles to grooming
Miles of designated ungroomed trails	93	Designation
Snow depth travel	24 inches on Stanislaus Meadow access route Travel allowed where not prohibited (wilderness) on 12 inches or more when not touching vegetation or soil or road surface	Restriction
Snow depth grooming	18 inches to start grooming	Contractual requirement
Construct three trail bridges		Designation
Designation below 5,000 feet	No travel except where designated: see map	Designation
Season of use	Snowmobiling ceases when Highway 4 and 108 opening activities begin	Restriction

Possible Mitigations:

- Percent snow cover limitation at end of Highland Lakes road on Calaveras RD. Rationale is to protect Yosemite toad when migrating from forested area to pooling areas for reproduction. Monitoring of this area is currently going on and more refined proposal will be forthcoming in the analysis.
- Snow depth proposal(proposed): increase snow depth on Stanislaus meadow road access to protect the Yellow Legged frog. Proposal is to allow snowmobiles on meadow when 24 inches or more of snow. Stanislaus meadow access route, which is currently groomed would not be.
- Pacific Valley (proposed): shorten route to campground but allow snowmobiles in the area designation. Monitor this activity.
- Construction of three new snow trail bridges for public safety and protection of stream corridors (proposed)
- Retain 18 inches minimum requirement to begin snow grooming to protect road surfaces and provide good riding trail